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Donovan Sees Hope Soviet May Release Second American

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James B. Donovan, the Brooklyn attorney who played the leading role in the exchange of Francis Gary Powers and Col. Rudolf I. Abel, said last night that he thought the Soviet Government might show clemency to Marvin W. Makinen, who is serving a prison term in Kiev, the Ukraine.

Mr. Donovan, who defended Colonel Abel during his trial in 1957 for espionage, expressed this view in an interview at his apartment, 85 Prospect Park West, in Brooklyn.

"If the present atmosphere resulting from the incident involving Powers and Abel continues, I have hopes that the Soviet Government will show clemency to Mr. Makinen," Mr. Donovan said.

The attorney said this was the impression that he had received as a result of conferences with Ivan A. Shiskin, second secretary of the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin. Mr. Donovan said he had conducted his talks looking toward the release of Mr. Powers with Mr. Shiskin during the ten days he had just spent in Berlin.

Mr. Donovan, who looked tired, gave a detailed account of the negotiations leading to

the exchange of the prisoners.

He said that for ten days he lived alone in private room in West Berlin. Unaccompanied by any official, he made daily trips between West Berlin and East Berlin to carry on the talks with Mr. Shiskin.

He said the only persons with whom he had discussed the affair while in West Berlin were Allan E. Lightner, assistant chief of the United States mission in West Berlin; Gen. Louis D. Clay, the President's personal representative in Berlin; and Maj. Gen. Albert Wat-

son 2d, commander of the United States forces in Germany.

The exchange of prisoners, Mr. Donovan said, took place on the Gleinicker Bridge, between West Berlin and Potsdam, a rarely used border point span. Ten persons took part in the transactions.

Mr. Donovan was accompanied by Colonel Abel, Mr. Lightner, a guard and a friend of Mr. Powers, who could identify the pilot. On the other side of the bridge, Mr. Powers was accompanied by an equal number of East Berlin and Soviet officials, including Mr. Shiskin. According to Mr. Donovan, there was a fifteen-minute wait for notification that Frederic L. Pryor had been released at the Friedrichstrasse checkpoint. Mr. Donovan reported that he returned with Mr. Powers to the United States. An Air Force colonel and an Air Force surgeon accompanied them, he said.

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